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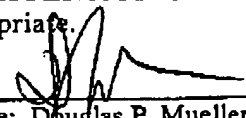
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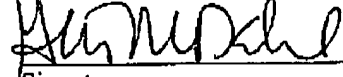
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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Figs. 20-23 in response to the Election of Species Requirement of October 3, 2006. Applicants respectfully suggest that Figs. 20-23 be considered the relevant species election rather than Fig. 20 alone, as Embodiment 10 of the specification is directed to Figs. 20-23 and there is no mutual inconsistency among those Figures. Claims 12-16, 33-39, 42, 45-47, and 62 read upon the elected species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

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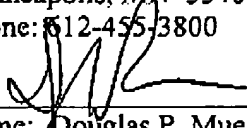
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